

CLEAN STREET LAWS  
WOOD; CLEAN STREETS  
MIL, SAYS MRS. OAKLEY  
Philadelphia Has Ample Legal  
Machinery for Prevention  
of Filth, but It  
Is Idle  
SUGGESTS POST SIGNS

This is the second of a special series of articles written especially for the Evening Ledger by Imogen B. Oakley, which will appear every Tuesday and which will deal with the various laws which are on the books in Philadelphia but which are not being enforced. Mrs. Oakley is corresponding secretary of the Civic League, chairman of the Civic Service Commission, and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Municipal League.

By IMOGEN B. OAKLEY  
The streets of Philadelphia ought to be clean and free from filth, but it is idle to have laws on the books which are not being enforced.

By an ordinance of Councils approved December 1, 1913, it is forbidden: "To cast or throw on the sidewalks or public footways any fruit or the peeling of fruit under penalty of a fine of \$5."

By an ordinance of Councils approved March 1, 1912, it is forbidden: "To cast or place in the streets of the city, or on the footways thereof, any advertisements, handbills, circulars or waste paper."

Notwithstanding this last ordinance the waste paper nuisance continued so serious that on March 2, 1908, an amendment was passed which provided that it is forbidden: "To cast into the vestibule, or yard, or upon the porch of any dwelling or other buildings within the limits of the city any advertisements, handbills, circulars or waste paper" and it is provided that: "Any person, or persons violating any provision of this ordinance shall be liable to the sum of \$5 for each and every offence."

IGNORANCE OF LAW.  
Although the ordinance forbidding fruit on the pavements was passed 50 years ago, and the one forbidding waste paper on the streets, 33 years ago, it is very evident that a large majority of our citizens have never heard of either. No question is more frequently heard in this city than "Why cannot there be a law against littering the streets?"

Why is there not some method of bringing the fact to the public when an ordinance is passed that effects every man, woman and child in the city? Why cannot all the people be informed after a given date it will be against the law to do such and such a thing, and those who persist in doing it will be subject to fine, or possibly imprisonment? Would it not be a good plan to post the text of new ordinances conspicuously in the court yard of City Hall that all who pass through may read, mark, learn and inwardly digest?

Would it not be a still better plan to have municipal billboards in the different sections of the city on which for the education and instruction of the citizens the substance of new laws could be posted?

PITTSBURGH'S PLAN.  
As far as the laws against expectation and refuse are concerned, Pittsburgh has a good example which we might follow with profit. To every lamp post in the city is fixed a neat metallic sign which announces:

"Spitting upon sidewalks or throwing waste matter thereon, prohibited by law. Penalty, \$1 to \$50 or 1 to 60 days' imprisonment. Policemen will arrest all violators."

The citizens of Pittsburgh have learned from these lamp post signs that streets must be kept free from refuse. Why cannot we have just such signs fixed to all our lamp posts? And is it not late to put up some official posters advising people how to dispose of their waste papers?

BUT LITTLE IS DONE  
Women's clubs and college settlements are active in spreading information on how to keep the city clean, but with all that has been done, and is doing, only a small proportion of our great population has been reached.

Of course we must infer that the police are kept informed of such new laws as subject citizens who do not obey them to arrest and punishment; and we believe it would aid greatly to keep the city clean if policemen would stop offenders and warn them that it is against the law to expectorate upon the streets, or litter them with waste.

WILSON, 59 TODAY, GETS  
THREE-DECK BIRTHDAY  
CAKE AT HOT SPRINGS  
President and Bride Plan Complete  
Holiday to Celebrate  
Event—Flood of  
Congratulations

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 28.—President Wilson is 59 today. In honor of the anniversary the hotel where he and his bride are spending their honeymoon was elaborately decorated. A big picture of the President draped with the national colors was placed in position in the main hall. Down in the great kitchen the chef placed the finishing touches on a "three-decker" birthday cake which carries on the top 59 miniature candles, which Mrs. Wilson is expected to light tonight.

The President planned a complete holiday for his birthday. All pressing affairs of state were cleared away last night and today Stenographer Swen was given a "day off." And, although the melting snow has turned the roads and fields into a sea of mud, both the President and Mrs. Wilson took a short walk about the grounds before breakfast.

Telegrams and messages of congratulations on the birthday anniversary were being received throughout the day from both this country and Europe. The majority of them will be sent back to the executive offices in Washington to be answered without being brought to the attention of the President. Only those from heads of government and personal friends will be answered from here. Several intimate gifts from immediate relatives also were received.

It is expected that the President and his bride will return to Washington next Sunday night. While here the President has found time to carefully look over the legislation that he is chiefly interested in, and it is expected that as soon as he gets back to the capital he will send for congressional leaders and endeavor to speed up the congressional machine.

It is understood that the President had a "last word" over the long-distance telephone last night with Colonel E. M. House, who was scheduled to sail for Europe today to confer with the American Ambassadors in the various belligerent capitals. All information regarding the nature of the instructions given the special envoy is withheld, but it is understood here that his status is similar to that of the various "personal" representatives who made investigations in Europe for the President during the trouble there. Colonel House will be expected to find out what is the matter with American diplomacy and also to report on the exact state of public opinion in the countries visited both as to the war and the United States and its policies.

"UNCLE JOE" ZIEGLER GIVES ANNUAL PARTY FOR THE KIDS



Scene at the Wayne Theatre, Nicetown, yesterday afternoon when the genial barber entertained his young friends with moving pictures.

EXTRA PRIZES SPUR  
MUMMERS TO NOVEL  
AND ARTISTIC EFFORT

Neighborhood Business Clubs  
Make Strong Bids to Have  
Parade on New Year's  
Pass Their Way

The extraordinarily large number of prizes offered by Councils has encouraged the mummery more than ever before, and keen competition will bring out creations in the parade on New Year's Day which will be both artistic and novel.

In addition to the awards which will be made by Councils, prizes of \$50 will be awarded by businessmen on Girard avenue east of Broad street to clubs passing over that territory.

Another substantial financial prize will be offered by the businessmen on Columbia avenue between 8th and Broad streets and by those on South 13th street. The Walnut Street Business Association will offer a silver cup.

There is every indication that the mummery will at least compete for the Girard avenue prize, as the route designated is in line with the official route of the parade designated by Councils' committee.

Common Councilman John Baileys, chairman of the committee, said that the parade would proceed over Girard avenue, provided the prizes were actually awarded, and he will arrange with Special Agent H. Hart Mottagh to obtain the necessary police protection.

The shooters are somewhat dubious concerning many of the neighborhood prizes, for the reason that in previous years many of them proved to be myths, and investigation brought out the fact that no prizes were awarded by the organizations which made alluring promises.

The captains of the various clubs show little interest in neighborhood prizes, because the extra marching is difficult for those who are burdened with heavy and cumbersome capes. Despite the fact that many of the clubs contain frequently more than 100 pages to carry their royal trains this does not relieve the immense load on their shoulders. Sometimes they collapse from the strain.

The prizes to be awarded by Councils follow:  
Fancy division—First prize, \$50; second, \$40; third, \$20; fourth, \$10. The best-dressed captain will receive \$10, and the wearer of the handsomest costume exclusive of those worn by the captains will receive \$5.

As an inducement to those in the ranks new prizes have been created for the best-dressed clown, jockey, juvenile and feminine impersonator and two prizes for the best-trimmed suits.

Equal attention has been given to the comic division, in which the prizes will be distributed as follows: First, \$50; second, \$30; third, \$20; fourth, \$10; fifth, \$5; sixth, \$3. The best-dressed captain will receive \$100 and the wearer of the funniest suit \$50. The funniest clown, the best "coon" and the most novel character will also receive prizes and there will be two extra awards for novel features.

There will be two special prizes for string bands, one for floats and five prizes for brigades.

"D-D-D-DON'T SHOOT,"  
CRIES "BOLD BURGLAR"

"Ah Sullender," Says 11-Year-  
Old Negro When Cop Covers  
Him in Cellar

The swish of Policeman Moore's club as he twirled it was the only noise that disturbed the stillness of the night. "Help! Police! Burglar!"

Moore stopped twirling his club. The rapid clatter of his heels on the sidewalk and the rattling of the call for help substituted din for nocturnal quiet. A sprint of 100 yards or so and he traced the cries. He came from 32 South 9th street.

"Around the back," called the same heavy masculine voice from the second story window. Moore skirted to the rear of the house. He examined his revolver as he ran.

An open window above a wooden shed showed how the burglar had made his entrance. Moore climbed up over the roof of the shed and through the window. Within it was pitch dark and terribly quiet.

"Come out or I'll shoot," shouted Moore into the darkness with a "to whom it may concern" intonation.

"D-D-D-Don't shoot, mistah," came a thin voice from a corner. "Ah Sullender."

Moore saw the whites of two big eyes glimmer, but he did not shoot. He grasped a shaking, huddling form by the shoulder and lifted the burglar in his arms. All he could see was the big white eyes and a row of pearly teeth. The rest was not distinguishable from the black background.

Today the prisoners' slate at the 5th and Pine streets station has this entry under the name, age, address, color, condition in life caption:  
"Howard Wilson, 11 years old, 117 Felton street, black, single."

The charge is attempted burglary. The police there say they have captured their youngest burglar.

CARDINAL GIBBONS FOR  
"BILLY" SUNDAY'S WORK

Approves Plan to Ask Prayers of Cath-  
olic Clergy

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Cardinal Gibbons gave his sanction to the "Billy" Sunday movement in Baltimore yesterday, when he assured a committee that he had no objection whatever to the Catholic clergy being asked, in a letter, to cooperate with their prayers in the campaign.

The Rev. Dr. George Peck, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, who visited the Cardinal, said:  
"The Cardinal expressed much interest in Mr. Sunday and his work and said he was glad to approve of the soundness of Mr. Sunday's doctrine in certain great truths, neglected by many modern churches. He had no objection to the proposed letter being sent to Catholic clergy."

VARES FEED FUTURE  
VOTERS OF DOWNTOWN  
ON HOLIDAY GOODIES

Candy, Apples, Movies and  
Vaudeville Enjoyed by  
Youngsters, Guests of  
Politicians

KIDDIES HEAR SPEECHES  
Jimmie, Dominic, Katie, Abie and Mike and 800 other boys and girls who live south of Market street, assembled in the Plaza Theatre, Broad and Porter streets today for an annual Christmas entertainment, with Congressman and Senator Vares as the hosts.

No crowd of kiddies ever enjoyed a moving picture and vaudeville show more than did these youngsters, and they showed their appreciation by applause that would have gratified any public office seeker addressing an audience of adults.

Nothing that their childish hearts could wish on such an occasion was denied. For every asset there was a plan to satisfy his appetite and more. Apples were distributed recklessly throughout the theatre and they were large and juicy apples, too. Souvenirs were as plentiful as campaign signs on election day.

Men who saw the celebration nodded their heads and remarked that there was no mystery as to the cause of the political success of the two brothers, Bill Hagan and Tony Marticelli, whose fathers were just naturalized, were a part of the assemblage, and in thousands of households tonight the name of the Swedish Consul, the word was then sent broadcast among dealers and epicures. It was to the effect that Sweden sardines, preserved in lard, will be no more, as far as America is concerned, until the war is over. An embargo has been placed upon the little fish which have been unceremoniously "canned" in their own country through no fault of their own. Therefore menu writers will have to invent a new dish to take their place.

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SWEDEN "CANS" SHIPMENTS  
OF SARDINES TO U. S.

No More Dainty Fish Preserved in  
Lard, Says Message

A message of the "graves" importance was received here today from Sweden. It was first flashed to the State Department at Washington and thence to the Swedish Consul. The word was then sent broadcast among dealers and epicures. It was to the effect that Sweden sardines, preserved in lard, will be no more, as far as America is concerned, until the war is over. An embargo has been placed upon the little fish which have been unceremoniously "canned" in their own country through no fault of their own. Therefore menu writers will have to invent a new dish to take their place.

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ATLANTIC CITY'S NEED  
OF CONDUIT LIGHTING  
SYSTEM EMPHASIZED

Damage Wrought by Storm  
Shows Necessity of Change  
to More Modern  
Method

MANY PHILADELPHIANS  
ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 28.—Total suspension of Atlantic City's arc street-lighting system for more than 48 hours, following a storm that otherwise did little damage throughout the big resort, has called attention to an old peril, forgotten in the working out of more pressing shore innovations. Telephone companies have extended the greater part of their system in conduits and the municipality has wisely put its police and fire alarm wires underground. But the Atlantic City Electric Company, which receives tens of thousands of dollars annually for illuminating the Boardwalk, Pacific and Atlantic avenues and many other streets, has, except along the Boardwalk, made no serious effort to remove the menace that so ways overhead every time gales rage.

Philadelphians and others were guests at the Christmas reunion dance of the Alumni Association of Atlantic City High School at the Hotel Chelsea last night. The patronesses were:  
Mrs. David R. Barrett, Mrs. William Wright, Mrs. Arthur Knauer, Mrs. Warren Somers, Mrs. Gilbert L. Coker, Mrs. Theresa G. Hedger, Mrs. Henry P. Miller, Mrs. August F. Bolte, Mrs. D. B. Crawford, Mrs. Homer I. Silvers, Mrs. Edward R. Doughty, Mrs. Robert W. Bartlett, Mrs. Joseph Poland, Mrs. Frederick Hickman, Mrs. J. J. Blackman, Mrs. Horace Hoch and Mrs. David Braunstein.

The Rev. and Mrs. George T. Harris are entertaining the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Harris and Miss May Harris.  
Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison and Mrs. Garrison will remain here until Sunday, returning to Washington for the New Year's reception at the White House. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thorn have returned to Philadelphia after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Farnum, Camden and the suburbs today are as bad as they were just before Christmas, when it was thought the epidemic was being broken, and the cases and deaths are continually on the increase.

All hospitals are using their capacity forces, and are not able to make a dent in the epidemic's progress. Since Saturday this city reports 422 deaths and more than two-thirds of them are said to be due to grip and its resultant diseases, principally a malignant form of bronchitis and pneumonia.

LEFT \$250 TO IRISH CHURCH

Bequest Announced in the Will of  
Mary M. Anderson

The Episcopal Church of New Mills, County Tyrone, Ireland, benefits to the extent of \$250 under the will of Mary M. Anderson, 1966 Kimball street, admitted to probate today. The estate is valued at \$700, and aside from the bequest to the church and a \$1000 legacy to the Rt. Rev. Nathaniel S. Thomas, Bishop of Wyoming, it goes in private bequests to members of the family of the testatrix.

Other wills admitted to probate today were those of Michael Devlin, 2066 Federal street, who left effects valued at \$15,000, which he disposed of in private bequests; Sarah Johnson, 225 Farmmount avenue, \$200; and Emma Levering, 307 West Susquehanna avenue, \$700.

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LAWYER LOSES DAMAGE SUIT

Attorney Fails to Appear and Bonds-  
man Faces Judgment

Francis Tracy Tobin, the Philadelphia attorney, who failed to appear in the Burlington County court, New Jersey, with C. Frank Murphy, to defend the damage suit against them, yesterday, lost the suit when the jury returned a verdict against them for \$200. The action was brought by Arthur Phillips, who was arrested in connection with the murder of Herman Fisher more than a year ago.

Phillips had Tobin arrested after the trial had been completed and Edgar C. Murphy had been convicted. Dr. John J. Flynn consented to serve as Tobin's bondsman, but later desired to surrender him. Efforts to get Tobin within reach of the New Jersey authorities failed, and whatever action is now necessary to collect the amount of the judgment will be made against the bondsman.

CITY HOSPITALS FIGHT  
DESPERATELY TO HALT  
GRIP, BUT IN VAIN

Attack of Cold Weather on Epi-  
demic Fails With Arrival of  
Warm Wave—Situation  
Still Serious

DEATH RECORD HIGH  
Grip re-established its foothold today after a slight repulse by a cold weather attack. If the attack had developed into a full-blown movement instead of a mere sortie, the grip forces would have been routed now. As it worked out, however, the grip epidemic was barely touched, and it bids fair to get worse.

Cold weather, the hard, dry cold, will not let grip prosper. The scorching, damp kind of weather that is abroad today is the best thing the disease feeds on. And if the weather man's promised rain comes it will be worse.

The whole Atlantic seaboard is in the clutches of the disease now, and it has even reached out to the Middle West. Conditions in Philadelphia, Camden and the suburbs today are as bad as they were just before Christmas, when it was thought the epidemic was being broken, and the cases and deaths are continually on the increase.

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